

Christ Episcopal Church  
Duanesburg  
Schenectady County, New York

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2-CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
DUANESBURG, SCHENECTADY CO.  
NEW YORKOWNER OR CUSTODIAN: EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF ALBANY AND  
SCHENECTADY.

DATE OF ERECTION: 1792-1793

ARCHITECT: Unknown

BUILDER: James Duane

PRESENT CONDITION: Very good

NUMBER OF STORIES: Two stories with crypt under church.

MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION: Frame

OTHER EXISTING RECORDS: Munsell's "History of Albany and  
Schenectady Counties. pages 176 and 177

ADDITIONAL DATA: After the retirement of Judge Duane, one of his first thoughts was for a church, "Cemetery Lot" or "Square", having failed to become the head of Duaneburg village, he dedicated it to the uses of the church, and in its center he built the present house of worship. At a meeting of the rector and inhabitants of the town of Duaneburg on Tuesday, September 22, 1793, Judge James Duane, conveyed the church and the ground on which it is erected for the public worship of Almighty God according to the rites and sacraments of the Protestant Episcopal church. The church was committed to the Diocese of New York in 1789. The parish had a difficult existence for some years previous to 1795. In 1811 a tower and spire was added to the building and a few changes were made in the interior. The building has been kept in excellent repairs, and is the oldest church edifice in the Diocese of Albany which has preserved its primitive architectural design. The church has been adequately endowed by Judge Duane and succeeding family members and some assistance from Trinity Church of New York during its early beginning.

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